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BIRTHS.

On May 31st, at No. 3, Old Albany, Hongkong, Mrs. [REDACTED] of a son.

On May 29th, at 5, Despatch Street, Hyde Park, London, the wife of Senator Deacon, of a son.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 14TH, 1890.

The announcement made by Reuter that GORDON PASHA has started for China is a surprise to well-wishers in the Far East, for which the statement that he had resigned the post of Private Secretary to the Viceroy of India failed to prepare them. Colonel Gordon first won notoriety if not his earliest laurels by the signal success which attended his organisation of the Chinese Imperial forces against the Taiping. It was mainly due to his exertions that most formidable rebellion was crushed and the Manchu dynasty saved from destruction. But no rebellion—at least no very serious rising—minces the power of the child-Emperor KWANG-SU; and for what purpose, then, is the English officer in whom the Peking Authorities feel such supreme confidence coming to China? What mission is it that has induced him, with the sanction of the British Government, to suddenly throw up a post of some value to which he had but just been appointed? Is he coming out to enter the British Diplomatic Service, or to assist Sir THOMAS WADE in bringing the negotiations on the subject of the ratification of the Chaco Convention to a termination? This is possible, but hardly probable. The British Minister is surely competent to mend his agreement with Li YUNG-CHANG in the sense desired by the British Government. It is never likely to be a thoroughly satisfactory solution of the long-standing disputes between the two countries, because it will be the result of a compromise, and more than sufficient compensation has already been permitted for the good of British interests. But Sir THOMAS WADE has been to England and seen the Foreign Secretary since the Convention was signed; he has also conferred with the Indian Government as to certain provisions of it, and therefore must know pretty accurately how far he may go, both in advancing new demands and making concessions. We are not inclined to believe that Colonel Gordon comes out to China on any mission for his own Government; it is more consistent with probability that his services have again been sought by the Imperial Government of China. They are on the eve of a most serious conflict—with one of the greatest military Powers in the world—and it is not unnatural that they should turn to the man who in a former exigency proved so invaluable. It must be apparent even to the most conceited mandarins that the Chinese military forces are scarcely in a condition to meet the highly trained legions of the Czar of all the Russias. It could not require much reflection on the part of the most informed and most practised Chinese officials to enable them to see that the most skilful of their own Generals could not be pitted against such a force. I have read with interest the account of the Russian army in the event of war, with many chance of success. Have the Chinese, then, secured the services of Colonel Gordon to organise their forces, and put them in a better position to meet the Russians, in view of the contingency of the Marquis Tseso's mission to St. Petersburg proving fruitless? With the scanty information before us, it is impossible to say anything positively, though circumstances certainly seem to warrant such a belief. But if the British Government allowed one of their most capable officers to enter the service of China, on the eve apparently of a war between that country and Russia, would it not be a breach of neutrality towards the latter, some may inquire? Until hostilities commenced we are of opinion it would not be an actual breach of neutrality, though no doubt it would be a violation of it in spirit. But it may perhaps be intended by the new Liberal Government to give Russia a quietus quo quo for the benevolent neutrality recently extended by that Power to Afghanistan, and which went much further than lending the services of a military instructor. Should this be the case, it ought to be rather a matter for regret, since it is hardly dignified for Great Britain to place herself, on a level with the most barbarous and unprincipled of European Powers; at the same time such resolution would not be undeserved, and it must be confessed, the blow would come with double force from an Administration whose advent to power had been hailed with so much jubilation in St. Petersburg.

The American ship *Sundown*, Captain Clough, had put into Yokohama, bound from this port to San Francisco, in a leaky state.

The steamer *Caledonia*, which brought out and laid the cable between Hongkong and Manila, has been chartered at the latter port for London.

The Oriental and Oriental steamship *Gothic*, with the American mail of the 22nd inst., arrived at Yokohama on Saturday and will sail for Hongkong to-day.

The steamer *Ladona Castle*, Captain Marshall, the second steamer with new season's tea, sailed through Singapore on the night of the 17th inst. on her way to London.

A severe thunderstorm raged over Manila on the 3rd instant. One man was killed by the lightning and several others were injured, two of them by the falling of some wood from a building which had been struck.

The bearing of the case of Sands and another v. the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company was continued before Mr. Justice Snowden on Saturday, when the Chief Justice and the Hon. W. Rawson were examined on the contract which had been entered into between the parties.

The Italian corvette *Vittorio Veneto* was signalled at Manila on the afternoon of the 7th June, and the Spanish man-of-war *Marcos del Duero* went out to meet her and escort her into harbour. Great preparations had been made for the reception and entertainment of H.R.H. the Duke of Geneva.

## LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG, MONDAY, 14TH JUNE.

ORIGINAL SUIT.—At 10 A.M.

Original suit between Mr. and another v. Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company, at 10 A.M. (Hearing, part heard).

In BANGLADEH.—In the matter of H. K. K. v. BANGLADEH.—In the goods of Sun Shing Lin—Mr. J. H. Smith, Esq., and Young Hung—In the goods of S. T. E. v. S. T. E.—In the goods of Fook See Fung—For leave of Administration by Official Administrator.

LAWYERS.—*See* *Advocates*.

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CHINESE GORDON.

Gordon Pasta has started for China.

## POLICE COURT.

12th June.

BEFORE C. V. CRAVEN, Esq.

A FAKE KOP FU AGENT.

Chu Asua was charged by Inspector Rivers with selling an agency for the sale of Kop Fu, which is a powder used in the gunpowder of No. 11 Ship-store, Wanchoi, on the 11th instant. He is a prisoner admitted the charge and said he had sold the agency for a few days.—Fined \$100, it is default two months' imprisonment with hard labour. The gambling tickets and money found to be forfeited.

ASSAULTING A SERVANT.

Mrs. Cordelia, residing at No. 3, Old Albany, Hongkong, was charged by Inspector Rivers with assaulting a servant, or a summons, with asaulting a servant.

The complainant said he had a servant to the defendant for about two years. She had never beaten him until the present year. On the previous day she seized him by his queue, pushed him on the ground, kicked him, punched his head against the door (showed marks) and knocked his elbow on the ground because she said he was too long going to market.

The mark on his left eye was caused by defendant on the 1st or 2nd day. The reason he did not sue her before was because he was anxious to get another beating when he got home.

The defendant said she told the complainant to light a fire, and he was ready. She then got angry and slapped him. She was fined \$100, it is default to pay \$100 amends to the complainant.

SENHOR SCARINICHIA IN THE PORTUGUESE PARLIAMENT.

[TRANSLATED FOR "THE DAILY PRESS".]

At the sitting of the Portuguese Parliament of the 10th April last, Señor Scarinichia, Deputy for Macao, said:—I asked permission to enter my protest against the association made yesterday by the Illustrious Deputy for Angola, Sr. Barroso Lobo. His Excellency said that he believed the assembly of Macao was present to the memory of the Chinese, and that there is no other alternative to the Portuguese Government, when they demand its rendition. As Deputy for that Province it is my duty, as I have said, to protest against that assertion, and to explain to the Illustrious Deputy the conditions of Macao, which are much better than he supposes them to be. The history of Macao has many glorious pages. (Hear, hear.) In 1822 Macao, in its original form, was a small town, with landing stages, and during the time of the Chinese domination in Portugal the Portuguese had always been hosted in the forts of that city. When the despatched Governor Amaral was murdered, Macao had only a garrison of one hundred and odd men, who, assisted by the population, defended it, and the gallant Lieutenant-Colonel Vicente Nicolo da Mesquita, now deceased, with his men, who, with a handful of brave, courageous soldiers of the line and national, captured the fort of Paulista, defeated a large Chinese force, who descended before a small number of our men. Macao became independent, and she showed to the Chinese that they will never enter its soil—I am thoroughly convinced of this. We are not there by the favour of the Chinese, we are there because we have a right to be there. (Hear, hear.) For a long time ago, it was Macao that saved the crown of the Celestial Empire by destroying the squadron of the well-known pirates Apo Chu. This fact is mentioned in the history of Macao, and we shall shortly see a book which will explain the particulars. It is therefore, my duty to raise my voice in this House to defend not only the garrison of Macao, but also its people, its commerce and discipline. As I have said, I am the only one who, with a few men, captured the fort of Paulista, defeated a large Chinese force, who descended before a small number of our men. Macao became independent, and she showed to the Chinese that they will never enter its soil—I am thoroughly convinced of this. We are not there by the favour of the Chinese, we are there because we have a right to be there. (Hear, hear.)

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